



PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday 29th October 2026:

08:30 – 09:00	Welcome Coffee and Registration		
09:00 – 09:30	Opening Speeches		
09:30 – 10:30	“Explain your research in 5 minutes” challenge - Day 1 - Zone 4: Lightning Stage – MRC Foyer • Cosmological Artificial Intelligence – Mark Pace, Gabriel Farrugia, Rebecca Briffa, Konstantinos Dialektopoulos • LHC BCM MIBAD Simulator – Kevin Theuma, • DIVES: Developing an AI-Driven Methodological Framework for Audience Engagement in Live Event Production – Ian Attard • Macroeconomic Drivers of Quarterly Residential Building Approvals in Malta - Stephen Cricchiola, Karl Camilleri • From Tool to Heirloom: The Story of the Maltese Plover Whistle – Natalino Fenech	ALL DAY	ALL DAY
		Interactive research posters (QR codes and/or short videos) - Day 1 - Zone 1: Interactive Research Presentations: MRC Foyer • A Simulation-Based Empirical Benchmark of Reinforcement Learning Agents for Concentrated Liquidity Management – Franco Farrugia, Cedric Deguara, Philip Henk	Touchscreens with bite-sized findings - Day 1 - Zone 1: Interactive Research Presentations: MRC Auditorium • Lifelong learning and senior well-being: An empirical evaluation of MCAST’s Community College for the Third Age – Marisabelle Camilleri • SELBI: From Vision to Impact - Project Development,

• <i>Parents' Lived Experiences of Recreational Spaces and Children's Physical Activity in Malta – Johann Zarb, Amanda Farrugia, Fiona Wilson</i> • <i>Sustainable Structural Optimization of Specialized Multi-Tier Steel Trusses for Multi-Directional Large-Span Cantilevered Commercial Buildings in Seismic Zones – Joseph Falzon</i> • <i>Small States and Sport: A Case Study of Sports in Malta - Corissa Vella White, Jarvie Grant</i> • <i>Relational Mechanisms of Brief Positive Psychology Interventions - Elaine Atkins, Isabelle Zammit, Claire Abela</i> • <i>Immediate Mood Changes Following Brief Positive Psychology Interventions - Elaine Atkins, Isabelle Zammit, Claire Abela</i> • <i>SELBI: From Vision to Impact - Project Development, Stakeholder Insights and Future Directions - Shirley Ann Gauci, Francis Delicata, Alan Gatt, Frankie Inguanez, Heathcliff Schembri, Kimberly Terribile</i>	• <i>Sustainable Structural Optimization of Specialized Multi-Tier Steel Trusses for Multi-Directional Large-Span Cantilevered Commercial Buildings in Seismic Zones – Joseph Falzon</i> • <i>A Comparative Evaluation of the Economic and Environmental Performance of Utilizing Energy-Efficient Materials for Construction Projects in Malta Through Whole-Life Cost Analysis and Carbon Impact Assessment – Joseph Falzon, Jake Grech</i> • <i>Project ICARUS: Aerial Detection and Geospatial Reporting of Coastal Debris – Thomas Gatt, Daren Scerri</i> • <i>MEDSEAPLAN: Advancing Ocean Literacy and GIS-Based Ecological Prioritization for Mediterranean Marine Spatial Planning - Alfonso Siciliano, Francis Delicata, Kimberly Terribile, Francesca Busuttil, Geraldine Spiteri</i> • <i>The future of personalised learning: new technologies and new learning opportunities - Marta Skierniewska</i> • <i>Choreographing Carob Ecologies through the ETD Ecosomatic Workshop – Shuntaro Yoshida</i> • <i>EngageALL: Advancing Civic Participation, Belonging and Inclusive Student Engagement in</i>	<i>Stakeholder Insights and Future Directions - Shirley Ann Gauci, Francis Delicata, Alan Gatt, Frankie Inguanez, Heathcliff Schembri, Kimberly Terribile</i> • <i>Constrained Voices: Crime and Court Reporting in Malta's Polarised Media Landscape – Thea Gauci, Rosemarie Calleja</i> • <i>Laid Bare with LabelEd+: Shopper Perceptions of Supermarket Food Labels - Daniela Cassola, Johann Zarb, Clara Chetcuti</i> • <i>EngageALL: Advancing Civic Participation, Belonging and Inclusive Student Engagement in Professional Higher Education – Christianne Gatt Fenech, Heathcliff Schembri, Claire Sciberras</i> • <i>T.I.M.E.talk: Teaching Inquiry through Malta's Eras Using Artificial Intelligence – Heathcliff Schembri</i> • <i>Education Matters: The Early Years – Advancing Early Childhood Scholarship through Research Dissemination and Knowledge Exchange – Heathcliff Schembri, Matthew Muscat-Inglott, Ann Marie Cassar</i> • <i>From bedside to teaching practice: Transitioning ICU expertise into academic practice - Luciano Midolo, Cassandra Sturgeon Delia, Francesca Trotta</i>
11:30 – 12:00 What the research could do for you - talk and/or visualisation of transformation if research were to be implemented in the community - Day 1 - Zone 3: Community Impact Corner – MRC Room 001 • <i>Cosmological Artificial Intelligence – Mark Pace, Gabriel Farrugia, Rebecca Briffa, Konstantinos Dialektopoulos</i> • <i>SELBI: From Vision to Impact - Project Development, Stakeholder Insights and Future</i>		

	<i>Directions - Shirley Ann Gauci, Francis Delicata, Alan Gatt, Frankie Inguanez, Heathcliff Schembri, Kimberly Terribile</i> • <i>The future of personalised learning: new technologies and new learning opportunities - Marta Skierniewska</i> • <i>EngageALL: Advancing Civic Participation, Belonging and Inclusive Student Engagement in Professional Higher Education – Christianne Gatt Fenech, Heathcliff Schembri, Claire Sciberras</i> • <i>Education Matters: The Early Years – Advancing Early Childhood Scholarship through Research Dissemination and Knowledge Exchange – Heathcliff Schembri, Matthew Muscat-Inglott, Ann Marie Cassar</i>	<i>Professional Higher Education – Christianne Gatt Fenech, Heathcliff Schembri, Claire Sciberras</i> • <i>T.I.M.E.talk: Teaching Inquiry through Malta's Eras Using Artificial Intelligence – Heathcliff Schembri</i> • <i>Education Matters: The Early Years – Advancing Early Childhood Scholarship through Research Dissemination and Knowledge Exchange – Heathcliff Schembri, Matthew Muscat-Inglott, Ann Marie Cassar</i>	<i>“Did you know?” challenge cards - Day 1 - Zone 1: Interactive Research Presentations: MRC Auditorium</i> • <i>Education Matters: The Early Years – Advancing Early Childhood Scholarship through Research Dissemination and Knowledge Exchange – Heathcliff Schembri, Matthew Muscat-Inglott, Ann Marie Cassar</i> • <i>Building the Bridge: Transforming AI from a Disruptor to a Pedagogical Partner - Ivan De Battista, Cassandra Sturgeon Delia</i>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>“Explain your research in 5 minutes” challenge - Day 1 - Zone 4: Lightning Stage – MRC Foyer</i>		<i>Research in action: prototypes, demonstrations and experiments - Day 1 - Zone 1: Interactive Research Presentations: MRC Auditorium</i> • <i>DIVES: Developing an AI-Driven Methodological Framework for Audience Engagement in Live Event Production – Ian Attard</i> • <i>SELBI: From Vision to Impact - Project Development, Stakeholder Insights and Future Directions - Shirley Ann Gauci, Francis</i>

	progressed from MQF/EQF level 2 to level 3 at the Institute of Community Services - Christiana Gauci Sciberras, Darren Chetcuti • <i>Why Classroom Connections Matter for Student Resilience</i> – Isabelle Zammit, Elaine Atkins, Claire Abela • <i>MEDSEAPLAN: Advancing Ocean Literacy and GIS-Based Ecological Prioritization for Mediterranean Marine Spatial Planning</i> - Kimberly Terribile, Francis Delicata, Alfonso Siciliano, Francesca Busuttil, Geraldine Spiteri • <i>SafeMeds: Building an International Research Network to Strengthen Organisational Culture and Medication Safety</i> – Lorna Bonnici West, Neville Schembri, Hannah-Kim Grima Formosa, Kevin Holmes, Marie Clare Cassar, Amy Castro, Corinne Bowman, Christian Bonnici West, Shane Desselle, Timothy Chen, Maria Cordina • <i>MCAST Semiconductor Evaluation Laboratories</i> – Barnaby Portelli • <i>Building the Bridge: Transforming AI from a Disruptor to a Pedagogical Partner</i> - Ivan De Battista, Cassandra Sturgeon Delia • <i>Pharmaceutical Access in Small States: A Grounded Theory Study</i> - Bernardette Scerri Rossi, Neville Schembri, Lorna Bonnici West • <i>High-Precision GNSS Positioning for Collaborative Robotics</i> - Steve Zerafa		Delicata, Alan Gatt, Frankie Inguanez, Heathcliff Schembri, Kimberly Terribile • <i>T.I.M.E.talk: Teaching Inquiry through Malta's Eras Using Artificial Intelligence</i> – Heathcliff Schembri • <i>High-Precision GNSS Positioning for Collaborative Robotics</i> - Steve Zerafa Digital quizzes (online or app-based) - Day 1 - Zone 2: Research Explained through Games & Gamification: MRC Auditorium • <i>Lifelong learning and senior well-being: An empirical evaluation of MCAST's Community College for the Third Age</i> – Marisabelle Camilleri • <i>MEDSEAPLAN: Advancing Ocean Literacy and GIS-Based Ecological Prioritization for Mediterranean Marine Spatial Planning</i> - Francis Delicata, Alfonso Siciliano, Kimberly Terribile, Francesca Busuttil, Geraldine Spiteri • <i>The future of personalised learning: new technologies and new learning opportunities</i> - Marta Skierniewska
16:30	Closure		



Friday 30th October 2026:

08:30 – 09:00	Welcome Coffee and Registration
09:00 – 09:30	Welcome Speeches
09:30 – 10:15	Lightning Talks: “Ideas That Matter” • <i>From Campus to Living Lab: Turning MCAST Energy Infrastructure into a Research and Innovation Platform</i> - Brian Azzopardi • <i>Cosmological Artificial Intelligence</i> – Mark Pace, Gabriel Farrugia, Rebecca Briffa, Konstantinos Dialektopoulos • <i>Sport, small states and capability building: Voices from Malta</i> - Corissa Vella White, Grant Jarive • <i>Parents’ Lived Experiences of Recreational Spaces and Children’s Physical Activity in Malta</i> - Johann Zarb, Amanda Farrugia, Fiona Wilson • <i>SELBI: From Vision to Impact - Project Development, Stakeholder Insights and Future Directions</i> - Shirley Ann Gauci, Francis Delicata, Alan Gatt, Frankie Inguanez, Heathcliff Schembri, Kimberly Terribile • <i>MEDSEAPLAN: Advancing Ocean Literacy and GIS-Based Ecological Prioritization for Mediterranean Marine Spatial Planning</i> - Alfonso Siciliano, Francis Delicata, Kimberly Terribile, Francesca Busuttil, Geraldine Spiteri • <i>Development and Adoption of Alternative Protein Products in the Mediterranean Region</i> - Christine Costa, Frederick Lia, Alex Johnson • <i>From bedside to teaching practice: Transitioning ICU expertise into academic practice</i> - Luciano Midolo, Cassandra Sturgeon Delia, Francesca Trotta • <i>High-Precision GNSS Positioning for Collaborative Robotics</i> - Steve Zerafa
10:15 – 10:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:30 – 12:00	Innovation Sprint



12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Innovation and Valorisation Pitch Session</i>
14:30 - 15:00	<i>Closure</i>

